

Democratic Watchman

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

INK SLINGS.

Dr. Bacon's "Elixir of Life," is too complicated and probably too expensive. Over in Japan they use bulls to haul their dead Emperors to the grave. That is one way of giving the evil spirits "bull".

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Wilson in the Fight to Win.

In addressing a Jackson day banquet, in Philadelphia last week, William B. Wilson gave some of the reasons why he is contesting the right to a seat in the United States Senate with William S. Vare, who holds a "certificate of doubt."

Ballot Reform in the Legislature.

In his inaugural address Governor Fisher said: "The ballot is the most sacred privilege of Democracy. Through it is expressed the final will of the people."

Hard Fight On for Elimination of Tax Collectors.

A hard fight will be made at the present session of the Legislature for the elimination of the fee system and the present method of borough and township tax collection.

The Worst Prohibition Scandal.

It is publicly acknowledged by General Andrews that the United States Government, through its agents acting in an official capacity, has bought liquor in Canada, smuggled it into this country and sold it to civilians as bootleggers.

The United States and China.

The liberal tone and good will of the statement issued by Secretary of State Kellogg in defining the American attitude toward China in connection with the demand for equality in treaty relations is backed by a long record of deeds.

Governor Fisher's Hot Talk.

At this distance from the scene it would seem that Governor Fisher was unduly "het up" at a dinner of the Pennsylvania Society of the District of Columbia, at Washington, the other evening.

Value of Good Roads.

The value of good roads to the farmers of the country has been made the subject of investigation by the American Road Builders' association with a result that must be surprising to all who read the figures produced.

Mellon Methods in the Legislature.

The Mellon machine has run strictly to form in disposing of the small favors in the Legislative organization. It has been the custom to apportion the small clerkships, the sergeants-at-arms, door keepers, pasters and folders and other subordinate officials among the Senators and Representatives.

We Taught Them.

A Harrisburg minister in an address on conditions in China yesterday spoke with regret of the shabby treatment the Chinese are giving the medical missionaries and others who have done so much to teach the people of that land better ways of living.

Charles I. Wert, 20, of Blanchard, sustained a fracture of the right leg below the knee when the wagon he was driving loaded with logs, near Castanea, upset last Friday, pinning him underneath the load. Ella Maxino, 22 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Anderson, of Cambridge Springs, knows her alphabet, it is said, and though she cannot talk much beyond saying "daddy" or "mamma" she can point out and pronounce the 26 letters. Rose A. Murphy, of Pittsburgh, who sued the Pennsylvania Railroad company, charging that her career as a concert singer and music teacher had been ruined following the wreck of a train on which she was a passenger, was given a verdict of \$35,000 against the railroad company in common pleas court in that city last Thursday. Because the State Highway Department built a new road through his farm of 185 acres, Harvey A. Strubbe, of Schuylkill county, asked the county viewers to award him \$8,000 damages. The road was put through the farm in such a way that the rear of the house now faces the main road, while the front of the house is to the rear. The Rev. H. H. Weber, Lutheran clergyman of Reading, and for many years general secretary of the Lutheran board of Church Extension of the United States, last week made a gift of \$75,000 to Gettysburg College as a memorial to his wife, who died recently. The proceeds of the gift will be used to erect a library building on the college campus. Stepping in front of several sleds loaded with coaters near the school house at Salona, Lois McKibbin, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McKibbin, of Salona, was struck and knocked down and sustained a fracture of both bones of the leg near the knee. She was removed to the Lock Haven hospital where she is in a critical condition due to the severing of an artery which prevented setting of the bones. While listening to a hymn "Over the Land That is Farther Than Day," there a Land Saturday night, E. P. Barr, a Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, druggist, aged 32, dropped dead. He apparently had been in perfect health and the first indication of anything wrong came when Mrs. Barr, who was operating the radio set, saw his head drop to one side. A physician was summoned, but Mr. Barr was dead when he arrived. Harry Butler, 18-year-old student of Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, who has been a patient in the Warner hospital in Gettysburg since November, was discharged and went to his home in Pittsburgh on Saturday morning. He was hurt in a football game, suffering a broken neck, in a contest between the Mount Academy team, of which he was a guard, and the Gonzaga team from Baltimore. He was in the hospital exactly ten weeks, his mother being with him the entire time. A large collection of rare chinaware, old quilts and several score of guns and firearms, some almost 200 years old and priceless, were destroyed when fire consumed the beautiful country home of W. R. Moore on the western edge of Washington county, Pa. Flames originating, apparently, from a defective chimney flue, had gained such a headway when discovered that no attempt was made to quench them. Practically nothing was saved. The loss, in addition to the heirlooms and relics, is about \$25,000. Overjoyed at locating her daughter, from whom she had not heard in eight years, Mrs. Mary Fisher, of Pottsville, broke her leg in the same place for the third time and again is in the Pottsville hospital. A previous fracture occurred while she was visiting in Philadelphia several months ago. Six weeks ago she broke her leg and, before the bone was fully knit, she placed her entire weight on the leg when told that her daughter had been found. The daughter who left Pottsville with a theatrical troupe, is a moving picture actress in California. E. T. Norton, 60 years old, of Connessville, Pa., died at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning in Mercer hospital, Trenton, N. J., of injuries received in the rear-end collision of a Baltimore and Ohio express and a Reading Company train at Pennington Saturday night. The wreck was also indirectly responsible for another fatality. Louis W. Steeb, 55 years old, of Elkins Park, Pa., secretary of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance company, was stricken with heart attack while walking past the wrecked cars to transfer to a Philadelphia bound train. He dropped dead alongside the tracks. The State Department of Health has ordered a thorough investigation of Manch Chung's epidemic of acute intestinal affliction, of which 250 people were victims. The Department believes the town's water supply is the cause of the epidemic, and sent department engineers there to take the necessary steps to prevent spread of the disease. The State engineers visited the reservoirs and surrounding territory in the hope of finding the cause of the prevailing illness. It is expected it will take them several days to make a complete investigation, and in the meantime the people are being advised to boil their water. An experiment in store-keeping at Franklin and Marshall College has proved that the 600 students are practically 100 per cent. honest. Two weeks ago the campus house, a recreational centre in the old gymnasium, was opened and Harold J. Budd, president of the student senate, thought it necessary to provide candies, chewing gum and tobacco for the students. It was impossible to always have a clerk present and Budd decided to institute the "serve yourself and pay cash" system. After two weeks of operation, the store not only shows a profit but a check on the total amount of business revealed that only one piece of merchandise was taken that was not paid for. Federal Judge Johnson handed down an opinion at Scranton, on Saturday, awarding Mrs. Helen A. Wright, widow of Thomas A. Wright, former general manager of the Wilkes-Barre Railroad company, \$19,766. The Aetna Life Insurance company was the defendant. Wright was killed in an automobile accident six years ago and the insurance company offered payment of \$7500. Mrs. Wright, the beneficiary, held a clause in the policy was for \$15,000 in case of death by automobile accident. The case was started in the Luzerne county courts, later transferred to the Federal Court, carried to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and ordered back to the lower Federal court.